

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HELD THURSDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 1985, 7:00 P.M.  
IN ROOM H-769, HALL BUILDING, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chairperson Scott White called the meeting to order at 7 30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Co-Presidents:

Ron Hiscox  
Mike Judson

Engineering and Comp. Sci.:

Dan Artola  
Andrew Haberl  
Martin Pereira

Commerce:

Janice Domaratzki (8.00)

Arts and Science

Maria Calderone  
Adrian Chomenko  
Milva D'Aronco  
Carla Grodis  
Chris Mostovac (10.10)  
Mark Pink  
Heather Rerrie  
Jennifer Stark  
Karen Takacs

ABSENT:

Arts and Science Andy King (w/r), Maki Kusano (w/r)  
Commerce Elizabeth Laett, Jenny Rice (w/), Lorne Severs, Shirleen Weekes  
Fine Arts David Etherington, Page Lopez  
Engineering Jonathan Jolivet

Advisors to the Board Present: Yael Lifshitz, V.P. Education. Francois Desrosiers, V.P. External.

2. Approval of Agenda:

No changes - agenda approved.

3. Approval of Minutes of 35th Meeting:

It was stated that Maria Calderone should have been recorded as "Present" at the 35th Meeting and that her name was omitted altogether from the roll call.

Minutes of the 35th Meeting approved as amended.

4. Chairperson's Remarks:

Scott White stated that this is the first time that the Rector of the

University is in attendance to talk with Directors. Before giving the floor to the Rector, Scott stated that the Board has lots of items to take care of. He stated that there are still numerous appointments to be made: Judicial Board, CCSL, CUSACORP Board of Directors and the books of CUSASET must also be closed. Scott also stated that lately, he hasn't seen any Executive Reports at Board meetings and would like to see this situation rectified.

5. Address by the Rector and Vice-Chancellor - Dr. Patrick Kenniff:

Michael Judson introduced Dr. Kenniff to Directors and explained the circumstances leading to his being here. Dr. Kenniff explained that he is not intending to give a prepared address, but would like a more informal discussion of the issue at hand. The issue at hand is the Capital Campaign contribution which was added to each student's contract and the problems associated with the procedure of refunds.

The Rector welcomed the opportunity to speak with Directors and stated he was happy to be here. Dr. Kenniff stated that there is a lack of information flow between the Administration and the Students' Association and perhaps this effected the outcome of the voluntary contribution and the way in which it was handled. He explained that Concordia has not been allowed to build any new facilities and, therefore, has had to rent space. However, this hasn't stopped Concordia from growing and from being a good institution. Needless to say, if we had more to work with it would be better for the University. At the present time, the Appeal Arbitration Committee is meeting to decide if the University will be granted a demolition permit for the Royal George Apartments. A decision is expected by the end of September, and the plans depend on the outcome of this decision.

(7:45 p.m.)

Dr. Kenniff stated that this is the first time that the University has embarked on a Capital Campaign and asked the community for funds. The government grant for the university library has to be augmented by a 15 million dollar contribution from the University. At this time, the government has committed itself to funding and this is seen as an important commitment in the eyes of the community.

Dr. Kenniff stated that he is proud of the decision taken by students in June to have the \$1.00 per credit contribution and it is unfortunate that there were problems with the implementation. The attitude taken by the Rector's office is to be available to discuss difficulties and to solve them as soon as possible and to the best interests of all concerned. He is always willing to talk and would like to see a free flow of information between both sides.

(8.00 p.m.)

At this point, the floor was opened to questions from Directors.

It was asked how the Rector feels about students' efforts thus far concerning the Capital Campaign and how it could be better handled.

Dr. Kenniff stated that the University's attitude is, basically, that CUSA

must make its own decisions, as the Board of Directors did with the contribution. Personally, he feels there is a problem regarding the lack of information. If we are to do something as a student body, it is important that the student body knows what is going on. Also, it is the responsibility of the Students' Association to inform its members of actions taken on an issue.

It was asked what the Rector felt about the Cafe Capital, and about its problems with getting a liquor license.

The Rector said the Cafe Capital is a viable idea and there is no reason why it shouldn't be done. It shows that the students are thinking about ways to raise money. He stated that there were significant problems with obtaining a liquor license for that particular space (on the terrace behind the bookstore) and also, to have something like that in the summer months, it should be planned well enough in advance. Staff in the University are committed to help students carry out their projects.

It was asked if perhaps the Rector's office could write an open letter in the newspapers as an appeal to students to contribute to the fund?

The Rector feels it is a good idea and also stated that the Rector's office is coming out with a first-ever Annual Report. It will give information on the state of the University and a listing of all meetings to be held regarding community matters.

It was stated that the CUSA Board of Directors had voted for a voluntary fee. It was asked how communications broken down to the point that the "voluntary contribution" became an opt-out contribution with no explanation on the contract.

The Rector answered that he never felt that communications had broken down. Also, he stated that he never had an inkling of how the Students' Association would proceed with the contribution. In the Minutes of that particular Board of Directors Meeting, it even mentions ways for students to get their money back. At the Board of Governors meeting, it was thought to be understood that the opt-out method was how it would be done, and it was voted on as such at the Board of Governors. The staff of the Rector's office was to investigate ways to implement the fee. Ideas ranged from mailing a flyer, to putting a sticker on the contract: ways to let the students know what was going on. Finally, the idea of a brochure was proposed and it was mailed out to students sometime in August.

(8:15 p.m.)

It was asked how the Rector's Office feels about the accreditation of the Engineering and Computer Science students and the subsequent collection of their fees?

Dr. Kenniff says the administration has the discretion to collect or allow a faculty to collect fees instead of the central association. His personal opinion is that, according to the mechanisms set down by the act, if an association follows the methods in the act to become accredited, the administration is duty-bound to collect a fee. The Rector also stated that as far as the University is concerned, CUSA is considered to be the official association representing undergraduate students at the university level.



It was asked if it is possible to still have CUSA charge the fees but have them collected by the administration?

Dr. Kenniff's understanding is that the University is not duty-bound to collect the fees for CUSA if an association is accredited. He feels that a unified student voice is very important. It is vital that CUSA and the Engineers talk to each other - the University will not tell students what to do, it is their decision.

It was stated that the CUSA Board of Directors approved a "voluntary fee", and it is felt by some that the Administration didn't treat students and their contribution with the same expediency it would show to a big corporation or other contributor. It was asked if the Rector could give clarification.

Dr. Kenniff stated that he doesn't want to make value judgements about CUSA and he doesn't think the University is about to grovel for money from anyone. He feels that the students have more say in the matter than any other contributor would. The Rector's Office doesn't treat other people in a different way. The Rector's Office is always more than willing to talk these matters out. He feels there's a perception problem. Discussions have always led him to believe that the students make their own decisions. The staff of the Capital Campaign Committee will do all they can to help with any viable ideas.

(8:30 p.m.)

It was asked why someone in the Rector's Office would state that the refund procedure should be made as bureaucratic as possible to discourage students from asking for a refund.

The Rector answered that there has never been any mechanism to make a procedure more "bureaucratic". He has the assurance of his staff that no one in the Rector's office ever made such a statement.

It was asked what the refund deadline would be? There has been some talk of September 28, 1985 and also October 4, 1985. Could the Rector give some clarification.

Dr. Kenniff stated that on August 13th, he had discussed this matter with Ron Hiscox and indicated that the University has an established refund procedure, i.e. a set cut-off date, and it was discussed if this could be adhered to. The Rector understands that on August 14th, the CUSA Board of Directors passed a resolution to make the refund deadline August 31, 1986. If CUSA doesn't forward copies of its resolutions to the Administration, then they can't know what is going on. If we are going to work together, there has to be a free flow of information between students and the administration. The problem with the refund deadline of August 31, 1985 is that Concordia is a non-profit charitable organization and as of December 31, 1985, this university must issue income tax receipts to anyone who has made a charitable donation and therefore Dr. Kenniff doesn't see that we can go beyond the date of December 31, 1985. If we do, we'll be going against Income Tax laws

(8.45 p.m.)

It was stated that a student had gone to accounts in August and asked for clarification of the Capital Campaign fee. Accounts told the student to go to CUSA. The student hadn't received the brochure, and had heard that of the 30,000 printed, only about 10,000 were sent out. Could the Rector give some clarification on this matter?

The Rector stated that a letter was mailed out to all students (30,000 in all) at the end of August, explaining what the fee was and how students could get a refund. In mid-September the Accounts Office staff were briefed on how to deal with the refund procedure. He stated that there were problems in early and mid August with implementation and dissemination of information.

It was stated, that at this point, students and the administration should work together to ensure that the problems are rectified now to ensure that the procedure runs smoothly next year.

The Rector answered that he feels that the image of the capital contribution is not beyond repair and feels that the situation can be rectified.

It was stated that CUSA and the administration should admit to the errors in the whole issue. Would the administration be willing to issue a joint statement offering an apology.

(9:00p.m.)

The Rector stated that he doesn't feel the need to apologize in that sense. He would propose that the slant of the statement be not to apologize but show it in the light of the fact that students should take pride in their contribution to this worthwhile cause.

It was asked how the Graduate Students' Association implemented their contribution?

The Rector stated that the GSA made it a mandatory flat fee and he also stated that the Graduate Students' Association has shown enthusiasm for the campaign however he doesn't know how they publicized it to their members.

It was suggested that a General Assembly be held to discuss the Capital Campaign and it was asked how the Rector would feel about this medium?

The Rector stated that he feels the present medium (i.e. the CUSA Board of Directors and himself) is a viable medium as he gets feedback and that in the future he has planned informational meetings which students are involved in and he doesn't feel that a forum type assembly would generate as much feedback.

At this point, the Rector again thanked the Board for the invitation to come and speak with them.

Chairperson Scott White called a recess of 5 minutes at 9:10 p.m. before continuing with the Agenda.

Meeting was re-called to order at 9:25 p.m. and the Board moved directly to Item 8.a) Concordian Mandate.

8.a) Concordian Mandate: (BD-34-D2)

Scott White stated that the document concerning this item was originally handed out at the 34th Meeting.

Scott asked George Kalogerakis, Editor of the Concordian, to give some background information on the paper and its operations. George stated that when the Concordian was founded it was not started on equal footing with the other newspaper, or CUSA Member groups. It was to have a minimal deficit. Also, there was to have been a Media Review Committee to review the performance of the paper, and the Committee never completed its mandate.

Peter Wheeland gave a brief synopsis of the options contained in the document BD-34-D2. George Kalogerakis stated that he would like to see the Board come to some sort of decision at this meeting, so that he may know where the Concordian stands. It was stated that the two newspapers should be funded equally, however, to cut down on the financial losses of the papers, they should both be more responsible concerning their advertising departments.

MOTION 229:

WHEREAS the Board considers the Concordian to be an essential student service, and;

WHEREAS the Concordian is unable to financially survive without full-subsidisation by CUSA;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board rescind all previous legislation regarding the Concordian budget and recognise it as the second "official undergraduate student newspaper" on campus, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Concordian be treated fairly in respect to budget and editorial autonomy.

Moved by: Milva D'Aronco  
Seconded by: Jennifer Stark

(10:00 p.m.)

Discussion on Motion 229:

Maria Calderone would like the Concordian to state the reasons why they think they should operate, what makes them different.

George answered that he feels the Concordian's record stands on its own. Also, he feels there has been a serious effort on the part of the Concordian staff to report on University community events. He also stated that the advertising needs to be beefed. The Concordian staff would like to see a more solid commitment and some sort of moral support from CUSA and a definite feeling of belonging.

MOVE to end debate.

Moved by: Andrew Haberl  
Seconded by: Jennifer Stark

VOTE ON ENDING DEBATE: 11/1/1 CARRIED

VOTE ON MOTION 229: 12/0/2 CARRIED

Scott stated at this point that the Board will not be able to deal with the whole Agenda at this point, and there people in attendance who are to be ratified for Senate seats. Scott would like to move directly to Item 8.b) Senate Appointments. There were no objections to this.

8.b) Senate Appointments:

Yael Lifshitz, V.P. Education, stated that she has three people to be ratified tonight. She still has two Arts and Science seats open, and will not be nominating any Engineering representatives until the matter between the ECA and CUSA is resolved. She also has one person from the Fine Arts faculty who could not make it to this meeting.

Before going on with the nominations, Karen Takacs stated that she feels that this whole process is not fair as the average student doesn't get a chance to sit on these University bodies unless they know someone in CUSA.

(10:15 p.m.)

Yael stated that this matter was brought up at the last meeting and to change the procedure of appointments takes more time than we have at this meeting. Yael would like to see more people interviewed, however, she has seen 42 out of 59 applications, and at approximately 2 hours per interview, she just doesn't have the time to see everyone, and also if she has to re-contact each applicant, she can't afford to call each person more than two times. There are plenty of places for people to get involved. Most people seek to sit on Senate due to its place in the University hierarchy.

It was decided to ratify the candidates one at a time.

MOTION 230:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Karen Takacs be appointed to Senate as  
an Arts and Science Representative.

Moved by: Milva D'Aronco  
Seconded by: Maria Calderone

Discussion on Motion 230:

Karen stated that she wants to sit on Senate due to certain issues coming up which she is interested in. She is not uncomfortable with speaking in public and would like first hand knowledge of how decisions are reached and affected. It was asked, due to her extensive involvement in CUSA and other related matters, if she would have the time to devote to Senate. She answered that she would have to re-prioritize and drop some things.

VOTE ON MOTION 230:

14/0/0

Unanimous

MOTION 231:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Randy Orr be appointed to Senate as  
an Arts and Science representative.

Moved by: Jennifer Stark  
Seconded by: Milva D'Aronco

Discussion on Motion 231:

Randy Orr stated that he is a third year Arts and Science student. He has serious concerns regarding university programs and wants to give the students a voice, and getting the message of the students' concerns to the administration.

It was asked if Randy is the type of person who looks to a more cohesive student voice in Senate. Randy answered that he would like to see more coordination and better prepared students at Senate.

(10:30 p.m.)

VOTE ON MOTION 231:

14/0/0

Unanimous

MOTION 232:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Scott White be appointed to Senate as  
an Arts and Science representative.

Moved by: Dan Artola  
Seconded by: Jennifer Stark

Discussion on Motion 232:

Scott stated that he wants to take a more active role (i.e. not the position of Chairperson). Scott stated that he sat on the Budget Cut Back Task Force for four months at the beginning of this year and felt he did a good job. Mark Pink stated he feels Scott is well informed on Senate and how it functions.

VOTE ON MOTION 232:

14/0/0

Unanimous

It was pointed out at this meeting, that the Senate ratifications which took place at the 36th meeting did not state what Faculty the reps. were for. Please note that the people ratified at the last meeting were all in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

Yael also stated that the next Senate meeting will be Friday, September 27, 1985 at 2:00 p.m. in room AD-131 on the Loyola Campus.



6.b) CUSA-ECA Negotiating Committee Report (BD-37-D3):

MOTION 233:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA Board of Directors appoint a negotiating team to negotiate a service contract as described in Option 4 of document (BD-37-D3) comprised of one Director, one academic representative, one representative from the External Department, one Co-President, one CUSACORP Board representative, and the Finance Vice-President (Brian Weihs), and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this negotiating team be given authority to make a decision that will be binding upon CUSA.

Moved by: Milva D'Aronco  
Seconded by: Maria Calderone

Discussion on Motion 233:

It was felt by some that the phrase "binding upon" may cause problems with some Directors. It was also stated that decisions need to be taken quickly and the committee would be more able to be responsible and able to deal with the issue entirely and quickly. Peter Wheeland asked if the Board is discussing the committee of the service contract motion and it was answered that the Board is dealing only with the Motion on the role of the negotiating committee.

(10:45 p.m.)

Amendment to Motion 233:

The following amendment to Motion 233 was proposed (to be added at the end of the Motion):

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this negotiating team will report back to this Board within one (1) month where final discussion and decision will take place.

Moved by: Dan Artola  
Seconded by: Martin Pereira

Discussion on the Amendments:

Dan Artola is in disagreement with a team making a decision on behalf of the whole board. Committees necessarily take some sort of decision (i.e. FinCom) which is binding on CUSA.

A point of information was brought up concerning the fact that if a decision is taken which the Board doesn't agree with, they can over-rule it. They may over rule the decision providing a contract has not been signed with an external body. AEGIC is an external body representing graduate and undergraduate students, however the ECA is the representative body of the undergraduates and it is not an external body.

MOVE to end debate on the amendment.

Moved by: Chris Mostovac  
Seconded by: Jennifer Stark

VOTE ON ENDING DEBATE: 12/1/0 CARRIED  
VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO MOTION 233: 5/8/0 DEFEATED

(11:00 p.m.)

Discussion on Motion 233:

Andrew Haberl stated that the list of CUSA services listed is not complete and that not all services will necessarily be used.

MOVE to end debate.

Moved by: Andrew Haberl  
Seconded by: Dan Artola

VOTE ON ENDING DEBATE: 9/4/0 CARRIED  
VOTE ON MOTION 233: 9/4/0 CARRIED

Ratification of Committee Members:

Co-President:  
Academic Rep.:  
External Rep.:  
CUSACORP Director:  
CUSA Director:

Ron Hiscox  
Yael Lifshitz  
Francois Desrosiers  
Has to be appointed by CUSACORP  
There were 2 candidates: Carla  
Grodis and Jennifer Stark. They  
each gave their reasons for wanting  
to sit on the Committee:  
Result of Secret Ballot:  
Carla Grodis

8.d) Baseline Budget: (BD-37-D1)

This item will be delayed until a future meeting.

8.c) Termination of Contract of Prof. M.W. Poirier (BD-37-D2):

Francois gave a report on behalf of Harris Breslow, President of the Political Science Students' Association. He stated that at a departmental meeting the faculty of the Political Science department voted to open the position for tenure subject to the stated qualifications. It was also stated that Professor Poirier seems to possess all the necessary qualifications. Francois, reading from a letter written by Harris Breslow, stated that the whole matter took on different proportions and focus due to the interest of the CUSA Board of Directors in this issue. The department of Political Science took this interest to represent the interests of students.

9. Announcements:

Yael reminded all Directors of the CUSA Meets the Administration which will take place on Monday Sept. 30, 1985 in the Main Lounge of the Campus Centre from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Aleem announced that the Human Rights Lecture Series will be having Harry Edwards speak at Concordia on Racism in Sports on Thursday, October 3, 1985 at 8:30 p.m. in room H-937.

Carla announced that there is a very important SPEAQS meeting on Thursday, October 3rd at 8:30 p.m. in the CUSA Sir George Offices.

Heather Rerrie announced that Wednesday, October 9th, is Clubs on Campus day and she urged all Directors to get involved and help out.

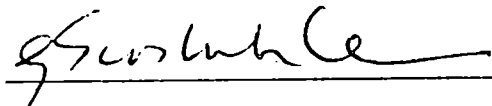
Brian Weihs announced that FinCom will meet on Friday, September 27th at 1:00 p.m. in the Sir George CUSA Offices

Peter Wheeland announced that on Monday September 30th there is an all day meeting at McGill concerning International Students and he can only attend the meeting for half a day and would like someone to volunteer to attend the other half of the day. Please contact him directly.

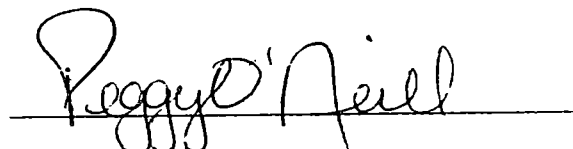
10. Adjournment:

MOVE to adjourn the 37th Meeting of the Board of Directors.

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Scott White, Chairperson



Peggy O'Neill, Recording Secretary